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PELLICLE, PHOTOMASK, PELLICLE FRAME, AND METHOD FOR

MANUFACTURING PELLICLE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-21 and 23-25 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1,

5, 14-15, and 19 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claim 22 is canceled.

Claims 1-21 and 23-25 are all to 5, 14-15, and 19 are amended to more Claims 1, 14, and 19 are independent.